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LATEST NEWS ON NEW JERSEY'S BICENTENNIAL PLANS HIGHLIGHTS TIMELY PROGRAM FOR CANDLELIGHT DINNER

Our Candlelight Dinner last year was such an unqualified success the Society's Program Chairman, Mrs. Caroline Moody and her committee, have planned a sequel.

Members will recall the stirring talk given by Mr. Henry E. Putch on "The Bicentennial—Problems and Possibilities," bringing us the latest word on Bicentennial plans for Philadelphia.

Equal to the challenge of following in Mr. Putch's footsteps is the distinguished Executive Director of the New Jersey Historical Commission, Bernard Bush, who will bring us the latest, behind-the-scene news of New Jersey's plans for the Bicentennial with an inside view of what the Bicentennial in our state is all about.

The intriguing title of Mr. Bush's talk is "THE REVOLUTION IS ALIVE AND WELL." It is the keynote of the state's emphasis on history in observing our 200th birthday as an independent nation.

We will also hear the details of the plans for "Liberty Park" which will be one of the most important features of the Bicentennial celebration. A glimpse of what is happening in other aspects such as entertainment, special events, cultural and historic programs and transportation will bring us up to date by one of the state's foremost au-

CANDLELIGHT DINNER

DATE: Tuesday, February 27

TIME: Punch Party, 6:30 P. M.

Dinner 7 P. M. promptly

PLACE: Haddon Fortnightly Club

CATERER: D.C. McCallister & Sons

RESERVATIONS:

Mail check (\$8.00 per person), payable to Historical Society of Haddonfield, to Mrs. John S. Wood, Jr., 535 Narberth Ave., Haddonfield. Phone: 429-8586.

Reservations must be received no later than February 21. Tickets will not be issued. Reservations will be held for you at the Dinner.

thorities on the development of the Bicentennial.

Mr. Bush is no stranger to Haddonfield. He has been a featured speaker at our Public Library, at the opening meeting of our local Bicentennial Committee and at the meeting of New Jersey Museum Councils at the Indian King.

Since these talks, New Jersey has moved ahead and crystallized its Bicentennial plans, its concepts of the Bicen-

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ennial celebration, and its projection of its historical heritage. We are indeed fortunate to have Mr. Bush return to give us the total picture as of now.

Mr. Bush is a native New Yorker. He attended New York University and received advanced degrees in American history and library service from Columbia University. He was assistant librarian of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace for three years before coming to New Jersey in 1961 as librarian of the New Jersey Historical Society, in Newark. In 1962 he joined the State Library where he was historical editor and chief of the History Section in the Archives and History Bureau. Since then he was responsible for a variety of historical and cultural projects. His first assignment was to plan and assemble exhibitions for the Historymobile which toured the state during the New Jersey Tercentenary from 1961-1964.

He assisted the State Tercentenary Commission in planning and research for "The Fundamental Laws and Constitution of New Jersey," edited by Julian P. Boyd, a volume in the commission's "New Jersey Historical Series," published in 1961.

Mr. Bush assisted with the work of the Commission to Study the Arts in New Jersey, headed by former Assemblyman, Charles E. Farrington. The commission's report, "The Arts and New Jersey," led to a law establishing a permanent State Council on the Arts.

He has contributed his skills to the Report of the New Jersey Tercentenary Commission and from 1964 to 1967 headed a group of twenty librarians in a Negro history project for the New Jersey Library Association. The result was "New Jersey and the Negro, 1715-

1966," a guide to nearly 2,000 printed works, published by the association in 1967.

In 1967, Mr. Bush coordinated research and information which led to the passage of a law creating the New Jersey Historic Trust and Historic Sites Council in the Department of Conservation and Economic Development.

His contributions in other state historical projects are too numerous to mention here but his brilliant background in New Jersey history adds luster to his post as Executive Director of the New Jersey Historical Commission to which he was appointed in 1969.

Other "repeats" at our Candlelight Dinner, by popular demand, will be our pre-party Punch Party in the foyer of the Haddon Fortnightly Clubhouse at 6:30 P. M. Dinner will be served promptly at 7 P. M. and will be catered again by McCallister's, assuring another excellent dinner. It is most important that reservations be made as early as possible as our dinner last year was a sell-out and many had to be turned away. All reservations should be mailed or phoned to Mrs. John S. Wood, Jr., 535 Narberth Avenue. Phone, 429-8586.

CANDLELIGHT DINNER TO HONOR LOUIS H. GOETTELMAHN

Our retiring president served the Society in that capacity for eight years. His leadership advanced the interests and goals of the Society so that today it is deemed one of the most outstanding historical societies in the state.

This year's Candlelight Dinner is in honor of Mr. Goettelmann. Appropriate ceremonies will express the Society's appreciation for his many years of dedicated service as an officer and an historian, far beyond the line of duty.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO MRS. EDNA HAYDOCK

This month Mrs. Haydock, a pillar of our Society for many decades, will be 91 years young. Her acute mind, her youthful energy and faithful dedication to the affairs of the Society are an inspiration to us all.

Among the many monuments she leaves to the Society, the book, "This is Haddonfield," is perhaps her crowning achievement. As Chairman of the Books and Publication Committee, Mrs. Haydock headed the staff which wrote, edited and produced the book.

It is appropriate that we echo the tribute her workers paid her upon completion of the book:

"Those of us who have worked on the History Committee of the Historical Society wish to express our admiration and appreciation to Mrs. Jesse G. Haydock, whose inspirational leadership, enthusiasm, encouragement and months of devoted work have brought this book to completion."

FORTNIGHTLY NOW HISTORIC SITE AIDED BY OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

On Sunday, February 1, the Haddon Fortnightly celebrated its admission in the National Register of Historic Sites. The beautiful ceremonies included a presentation by our past president who with his wife, Martha, another past president, prepared the Fortnightly's application to both the state and national committees.

Only those who have seen these complicated application forms can appreciate not only the tremendous amount of work that is entailed in this task but the historic and architectural knowledge that is needed to meet the Register's requirements.

A charming recognition of this effort

which now saves one of our beautiful historic buildings from Federal encroachment and makes it eligible for Federal and State funds was presented to the Goettelmans in the form of a commemorative plaque on which is printed most artistically a "Commemorative Ode." The Ode was written and presented to Martha and Lou by Mrs. Thomas F. Gibson, Historian of the Haddon Fortnightly. We think it should be reprinted here as a permanent record in the Society's annals.

COMMEMORATIVE ODE

"The written records cannot give
the measure of true worth/ Of those
whose studied thoughts drop't like
fertile seeds/ Ably nurturing them
as they sprang upward into birth/
Now we can acclaim discernment and
wise vision-/ That foretold hours of
labor and marital cooperation-/ In
tracing surveys and titles of a former
generation/ To meet requirements for
Historic Preservation-/ Plus patience
to fulfil our State's "red-tape"-/ As
Hope and Faith rallied for a two year
wait-/ For successful termination of
the Project's fate/ The Haddon Fort-
nightly's security was at stake./ Then
came the news, "Approval of Historic
Site"/ Gratefully we do proclaim our
Sponsor's name-/ You've guessed! the
Goettelmans, you are right./ Martha
and Lou, members of our Hall of
Fame."

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